

DECISION NOTICE

(RECORDING OF DECISIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS)

1. Decision Summary:

Decision Maker	Date of Decision
Chief Executive	14.08.23
Date Decision Published	Date Decision will come into force
18.08.23	14.08.23
Subject: Social Housing Quality Fund	

Type of Decision: Non Mayoral Decision Made by Officers

2. Details of the Decision:

The decision is that:

Following an assessment which included three phases:

- 1) Assessment of applications on pass/fail criteria
- 2) Scoring all bids on strategic fit and delivery assurance
- 3) Completing Value for Money assessments in bids with Bands 4-6 properties,

GMCA considers that all bidders are eligible for SHQF funding and recommended the allocation of capital funding set out below, approved by GMCA Chief Executive, in consultation with Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive for Housing under delegated authority. In summary, £14.84m of grant is being offered to 17 social housing providers in GM to deliver physical improvements to up to 12,835 homes, with £5.34m (26% of total costs) in match funding provided by successful applicants.

GMCA wishes to award amounts as follows:

Bolton at Home - £2,263,700
 First Choice Homes Oldham - £480,679
 ForHousing Limited - £250,000
 Great Places Housing Association - £570,990
 Irwell Valley Housing Association - £757,577

MSV Housing Group - £475,333
One Manchester Limited - £2,950,117
Onward Homes Limited - £526,500
Places for People - £376,491
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing - £1,846,843
Salix Homes - £679,683
Six Town Housing - £520,607
Southway Housing Trust - £253,156
Stockport Homes Ltd - £168,355
The Guinness Partnership Ltd - £1,267,163
The Riverside Group - £899,587
Wythenshawe Community Housing Group - £556,530

The reasons for the decisions are:

GMCA has received capital funding from DLUHC to improve the quality of social housing and tackle damp and mould health hazards. GMCA have responsibility and accountability for the allocation of the funding to social housing providers, including discretion over the funding criteria as long as it supports improvements to the physical decency of social housing.

The GMCA meeting on 30 June 2023 approved an approach and process for allocating grant to social housing providers in Greater Manchester, via a competitive funding round. It was agreed that the funds would be allocated to eligible applicants, requiring a minimum 25% match funding, and prioritised as follows:

- Band 1: Dealing with Category 1 damp and mould HHSRS hazards;
- Band 2: Dealing with Category 2 damp and mould HHSRS hazards facing vulnerable households;
- Band 3: Dealing with other Category 2 damp and mould HHSRS hazards;
- Band 4: Dealing with properties where tenants have reported damp and mould issues and surveys have identified remedial action required;
- Band 5: Supporting 'infill' works to properties of archetypes with vulnerable tenants where issues are known to occur and where evidence demonstrates elevated risks of hazards occurring;
- Band 6: Supporting 'infill' works to properties of archetypes where issues are known to occur and where evidence demonstrates elevated risks of hazards occurring.

As required by DLUHC, GMCA have developed an Evaluation Plan for SHQF comprising: (1) Programme and delivery monitoring; (2) Externally commissioned qualitative evaluation; and (3) Post programme evaluation. With agreement from DLUHC, up to £160k of the funding has been ringfenced to support evaluation activities.

Alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision:

N/A

<p>List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public</p> <p>21 SH Quality Fund GMCA paper.pdf (greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)</p>
<p>List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information</p> <p>N/A</p>

3. Conflict of Interest:

<p>Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Member who is consulted by the member or officer which related to the decision:</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any conflict of interest declared:</p>
<p>None</p>

4. Register of Key Decisions:

<p>Key decision?</p> <p>A key decision would result in any of the decision makers listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) incurring expenditure over £500,000, or making significant savings of £500,000 or more relating to the budget for the service area to which the decision relates; or (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on persons living or working in an area of more two or more wards or electoral divisions of Greater Manchester. 	<p>No</p>
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Date published on the register of Key Decisions	
Or if not published in the Register of Key Decisions - Reasons for general or special urgency such that it was not published in the Register of Key Decisions	

5. Scrutiny Call In for Key decisions:

Call-in deadline	N/A
Or if Exempt from Call-in explain how any delay would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the GMCA or the Constituent Councils, or the interests of the residents of Greater Manchester	
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	

6. Signature of Decision Maker/s:

Chief Executive Office, GMCA & TfGM



Signed:



17th August 2023

Date:

Signed:

Date:

7. For delegated decisions which are to be made in consultation with others please include:

Name/s of politician/s or Officer/s who must be consulted (if any)	Consultee signature: by signing this decision notice you confirm that you have been consulted on this decision
Cllr Gerald Cooney Steve Rumbelow	 

NOTE:

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